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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF DEATH OF REV. OPPENHEIM'S WIFE

FOR PAO JAMES TULL

1. MR. AND MRS. LEONARD OPPENHEIM HAVE ASKED DEPARTMENT TO INFORM YOU OF TRAGIC AUTO ACCIDENT IN USSR OCTOBER 7 IN WHICH REV. RAYMOND OPPENHEIM'S WIFE WINIFRED WAS KILLED.

2. REV. OPPENHEIM SUFFERED FRACTURED SKULL AND BROKEN LEG AND HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED IN SMALL SOVIET TOWN OF KRECHEVITSY, APPROXIMATELY 150 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF LENINGRAD. REV. OPPENHEIM SPOKE BY TELEPHONE FROM HOSPITAL WITH CONSULAR OFFICERS IN LENINGRAD OCTOBER 7 AND SEEMED COHERENT AND RATIONAL, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE WAS THEN AWARE OF WIFE'S DEATH. CONSULAR OFFICERS FROM MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD ARE TRAVELLING TO KRECHEVITSY TO ASSIST. KISSINGER

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